

FOR THE KAISER: APRIL SHOWERS--OF SHELLS

Now April dances into view,
With laughing eye and brow serene:
She hums a springtime song for you,
From lips incarnadined.

She brings again the baseball days,
Where, perched upon the bleacher's top,
We slide again to boyhood days,
And gurgled soda-pop.

COOPER GOES WEST, BUT MAY NOT STAY

Former Phillies' Outfielder
Frightens Los Angeles
Club Owners

LAJOIE CAN'T SEE ROBINS

Toronto Player Issues Strong Denial
When Brooklyn Announces
His Purchase

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
NEW YORK, March 28.—(Cable) Cooper, former outfielder of the Philadelphia Athletics, who has been sent to the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast League, shocked the owners of the Angels into an almost fatal condition by demanding a salary of \$7,000. This is only \$1,000 more than was offered. The owners now are haggling back to back to see how much they will see Cooper in a place a whole lot warmer than Los Angeles before they will pay his price.

The Louisville club of the American Association has purchased pitcher James Parnham from the Baltimore club of the International League.

The pre-season series between Pittsburgh and the Athletics at Jacksonville, Florida, started with a victory for the Pirates. The score was five to four.

The New York legislature has put the Sunday baseball bill on the regular calendar, which is regarded by the fans as a delicate way of burying it for another year.

The Brooklyn club announced that it had captured the minor league prize of the season by purchasing Napoleon Lajoie from Toronto for \$20,000. Lajoie promptly issued a denial, saying he has promised to manage the Indianapolis club this year and considers the Brooklyn club clear off the map.

Manager McGraw at his Marlin training camp released Catcher Jack Onslow to the Kansas City club of the American Association. Manager Gausel of the Kansas City team has arranged with McGraw, it was announced, to take over all the surplus talent of the Giants.

The New York Yankees, training in the south, beat Camp Wheeler's best team by a score of 14 to 1 at Macon, Ga. The big hitters for the Yankees were Pratt and Bodie. Pratt hit safe four times out of five up and drove in two runs. Bodie made two singles and a double and drove in three runs.

There is no unusual excitement over this week among baseball writers over the critical baseball situation. Specialists in post-mortems are insisting that the International League has quit, but International authorities have refrained from announcing the funeral, if there is to be one.

SHARP BARGAINING IN BASEBALL MART

Big League Managers Put
in Busy Season Swap-
ping Lineups

So many trades were made in the big leagues during the winter that the fans over here will hardly be able to recognize some of the major league clubs. Following is a list of the deals closed to date:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Pratt, second base, from St. Louis to New York; Plank, pitcher, from St. Louis to New York; Gordon, second base, from New York to St. Louis; Malsb, second base, from New York to St. Louis; Shocker, pitcher, from New York to St. Louis; Cullip, pitcher, from New York to St. Louis; money involved \$15,000.

Shotton, centerfield, from St. Louis to Washington; Lavan, shortstop, from St. Louis to Washington; Gallia, pitcher, from Washington to St. Louis; money involved \$15,000.
McInnis, first base, Philadelphia to Boston; Catcher, catcher, from Philadelphia to Boston; Gardner, third base, from Boston to Philadelphia; Walker, centerfield, from Boston to Philadelphia; Malsb, pitcher, from Boston to Philadelphia; Thomas, catcher, from Boston to Philadelphia; Kopf, centerfield, from Boston to Philadelphia; money involved \$20,000; Bodie to Yankees for Bums by Athletics.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Alexander, pitcher, from Philadelphia to Chicago; Kilmer, catcher, from Philadelphia to Chicago; Billewiler, catcher, from Chicago to Philadelphia; Pendergast, pitcher, from Chicago to Philadelphia; money involved \$50,000.
Williams, centerfield, from Chicago to Philadelphia; Paskett, centerfield, from Philadelphia to Chicago.

Doyle, second base, from Chicago to Boston; Wilson, catcher, from Chicago to Boston; Tyler, pitcher, from Boston to Chicago; money involved \$15,000.
Doyle, second base, from Boston to New York; Barnes, pitcher, from Boston to New York; Herzog, second base, from New York to Boston.

Cutshaw, second base, from Brooklyn to Pittsburgh; Stengel, centerfield, from Brooklyn to Pittsburgh; Mann, pitcher, from Pittsburgh to Brooklyn; Trimes, pitcher, from Pittsburgh to Brooklyn; Ward, leftfield, from Pittsburgh to Brooklyn.

PING BODIE WITH YANKS

Francisco Pizzola, better known to the baseball fraternity as Ping Bodie, finally has landed where it was intended he should some time ago. The Athletics, it would appear, had destined Ping for the New York Yankees, but they were thwarted several times. Captain Huston tried to get Bodie last year again, but he was talked out of it and the fence master remained with the Athletics. With the lowly Athletics, Ping made good and it looked as though the White Sox pulled a "lone" when they let him go.

In giving Bodie for George Burns, Connie Mack has weakened his outfield to get a good first base man, as he needed a man badly after Stuffy McInnis was traded to the Red Sox. Ping, a happy-go-lucky player, should make a hit in New York, and his presence should also be a financial asset to the club, as he is a drawing card.

Terry McGovern's estate was valued at only \$10,000 at the time of his death. Charley White, Chicago, stopped Joe Upton at two rounds at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich.

RAY SETS INDOOR MARK

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.]

NEW YORK, March 28.—(Cable) Ray, the great Illinois Athletic Club sprinter, holder of the 1000 yard indoor championship, made a new indoor record for the three-quarter mile run at Madison Square Garden. He made the distance in three minutes, four and four-fifths seconds, wiping out the record of three minutes, seven seconds made by Joe Driscoll in 1912. Ray continued to the mile mark in an effort to break that record also, but failed, his time being four minutes, 19 and four-fifths seconds.

An excellent race developed between Ray, Mike Devaney, of the Boston Navy Yard, national half mile champion, and Eddie Fall, of the Greek Lakes Naval Training Station, indoor champion and record holder. Devaney took the lead and opened a 15 yard gap on Ray. He continued to lead the field at the end of the fourth lap, but Ray took the lead in the fifth and went like the wind, winning by 25 yards over Devaney, with Fall a poor third.

DOUGHBOY CORPORAL ANXIOUS FOR BOUTS

Will Take on Yanks While
Awaiting Go With
Frenchman

There is a corporal in Company K, 4th Infantry, A.E.F., who is anxious to fight.

That in itself is nothing new. Everybody in the 4th Infantry is anxious to fight the Boche, and fight 'em proper, as, in fact, is everybody in the A.E.F. But wherein this corporal differs from the rest of the gang is that, in addition to his perfectly natural desire to fight the Boche with fist and bayonet and automatic and rifle and machine gun and all the rest, he is simply itching to take on some one of his fellow Allies and get a good old game of hit-and-get-away in the squared circle.

His name is Johnnie Boyle, Corporal John F. Boyle, to be military about it. Just a little while ago he took on Kid Carney of the 77th French Infantry, and, in the opinion of one of his mates who has written in about it, he fought him stowed away the Gallic Kid most any time he felt that way. He—

"Boyle, however, is a generous soul, and, besides, he needed exercise. So he danced through five rounds blithely, kicking the Frenchman as he went. In the sixth, Boyle began to get loose, and the French champ, after inadvertently running into a straight left, and assuring himself that it was real gore that was running down his face, said 'Bum!' or whatever it is the French say when they feel that way, and quit.

The Frenchman, according to Friend Boyle's story, has promised to return in a month or so and take the corporal on for a few more rounds. But, while awaiting the solicitous attentions of his glorious Ally, Corporal Boyle—again according to Friend Boyle—"wouldn't mind providing a little mild excitement" for any other ambitious members of the A.E.F.

The Corporal fights at 118. Therefore, those of you who have that approximate zero weight, step forward!

SPORTING COMMENT

The recent death of Billy Madden removed from sporting circles one of the leading old time figures in the boxing game. Madden gained his greatest notoriety when he handled John L. Sullivan. The last battle he arranged for John L. was with Paddy Ryan. Madden and Sullivan then had a disagreement and fell out. Madden started out to find some one to whip Sullivan and staged a big heavyweight tourney, Charlie Mitchell was the result of this tourney.

Madden's last actual ring work was when he handled Sator Bane, the midweight, and Al Bonediet, who gained fame as an amateur and later made good as a pro. Madden, however, was disappointed in Bonediet's work and finally dropped him. Although Madden and John L. had a misunderstanding, Billy Madden always admired that Sullivan was entitled to the world's championship, which so many people disputed at that time.

Dick Burge, at one time one of England's leading scrappers, died gamely when his time came recently. He was 52 years old when he passed in his checks as a result of wounds received in battle against the Boche.

Burge had little early education and had to make quite a fight to get up in the world. He ran away from home when a lad, joining a traveling troupe of acrobats, and was taught to tumble. While out on the circuit, he met an old negro boxing expert and Burge decided to learn the game. He soon became proficient in it and when his show reached Northumberland a new champion had made his appearance. Burge gained the decision over him and was a made man.

His climb was so rapid that most men would have become dizzy. He was lightweight champion of England in a short time and then he won the world's title. From the topmost rung Burge fell to the bottom of the ladder when he became mixed up in the "Liverpool Bank Scandal." Although many claimed he was innocent, he was forced to undergo a prison term.

Later on, Burge became a boxing promoter, his biggest bout being the famous encounter between George Carpentier and Gunboat Smith.

When the call came for men Burge, although over the age limit, enlisted and was a sergeant in the Majesty's service at the time of his death.

Archie Hahn, former world's champion sprinter, who won the 100 meter races at the Olympic games at St. Louis in 1903, and who has been coaching the athletes at Brown University, is coming over to France within a few months to act as athletic coach and director for the Y.M.C.A. Since he took hold of athletics at Brown, this institution has been a real factor in college sports. The Y.M.C.A. is looking for a hundred coaches like Hahn to help train our soldiers over here.

TWO CITIES WANT CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT

New Orleans Bids \$30,000
for Willard-Fulton
Match

JESS MAY REJECT OFFER

Sporting Writers and Promoters
Are Enthusiastic Over Pros-
pect of Big Scrap

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
NEW YORK, March 28.—The Louisiana Auditorium Company, of New Orleans, in whose arena Fred Fulton recently knocked out Frank Moran in three rounds and jumped prominently to the fore as a championship contender, has offered \$30,000 for a match between Jess Willard and Fulton to be staged some time next fall, 20 rounds being specified as the length of the bout. Whether the offer will be accepted by Willard is doubtful. Jess is inclined to consider such trifling sums mere chicken feed in a billion dollar era like the present. Enthusiastic promoters point to the fact that Willard and Fulton together weigh nearly a quarter of a ton and should present a spectacle as thrilling as two war tanks in a duel.

New Haven also is making stabs at staging a bout between the two heavyweights, but has not couched up a big enough bank account yet to talk business. In the meantime, sporting writers throughout the country are worked up over the prospects of a match for the heavyweight title, and the adherents of each fighter are prophesying feverishly that each man is sure to lick the other.

New York's anti-boxing law and the tendency in certain parts of the country since the beginning of the war to lift restrictions on the squared ring have produced a situation which is making New York boxing fans indignant.

The once proud Empire State, they assert, is becoming a nursing bottle community. Philadelphia is one of the cities which is not lamenting. This city was edified this week when Irish Patsy Cline, of Harlem, met a brother New Yorker, Jimmy Duffy, before a crowded house and plastered him artistically for six rounds. Duffy ate the punishment and returned for more, but Patsy always had more steam ready and punched Jimmy into a hard knot.

Jack Britton, of Chicago, former welterweight champion, knocked out Vic Moran, of New Orleans, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight round bout in Minneapolis.

R. M. Seligowski won the Harvard boxing championship title in the heavyweight class this week, defeating F. C. Fishback on points in a three round match.

CHARLIE ROSE HERE GETS OLD TIME JOB

Trainer of Freddie Welsh
and Carl Morris Keeps
Hospital Gay

Charlie Rose is in the Army. The maker of champs, the trainer of Freddie Welsh and Carl Morris, and, besides, a private, first class, in the Medical Department, U.S.A. His present address is Base Hospital No. 9, A.E.F., France.

Charlie is kept busy at his old job, though. His C.O. has made him a sort of physician trainer, both before and after his outfit in shape and to have them furnish diversion to the patients in their charge by staging innocent title boxing bouts. He has had a busy winter of it—yes, he's one of the "veterans." When the impromptu ring goes back to the hospital, he has to take the gloves himself and go over the tapes. He was no slouch as a lightweight glove manipulator himself a few years ago.

Johnny Coulon, bantamweight champion; Freddie Welsh, lightweight title holder; Cyclone Thompson, one time best of the middleweight class; Jack Britton, welterweight; Frank Klaus, middleweight; Gunboat Smith, one time white heavyweight champ; Harry Stone, Australian welterweight champ—these are a few of the men of whom Charlie has had the handling in training. He was going to come back to New York, after the Fred Welsh-Charlie White bout at Colorado Springs on Labor Day last, and open a gymnasium of his own; but instead, he owned an account with the U.S. Quartermaster Corps, guns' furnishers, and took one of their fine blask suitings "on approval." He still has it on.

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CAMP UPTON CHAMPS

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.]

NEW YORK, March 28.—The Camp Upton finals for divisional championships was held this week before a crowd of soldiers so big as to break the heart of a promoter counting possible box office receipts. Benny Leonard was referee. The boys fought like wildcats and spread American blood over half of Long Island.

The featherweight championship was won by Hank Schroeder, of the 604th Field Artillery. The lightweight title was won by Richie Ryan, of the 325th Motor Truck Company. Joe Tiplitz, of the 300th Infantry, annexed the welterweight title.

Tex Kelly, of the 379th Motor Truck Company, took the middleweight honors in a fierce fight. Wild Bill Brennan, of the 304th Machine Gun Battalion, annexed the light heavyweight bell, and Corporal John Gaddi, of the 300th Infantry, was the victor in the heavyweight class.

STAR SHELLS

By Q.M. SGT. STUART CARROLL, Q.M.C.

THE HARBINGER

I know that April's coming now,
I know that Summer's on the way,
Because while coming home from chow
I saw a chimney sweep today.

And now Eddie Plank blossoms out with his annual "I'm through with baseball" statement. Shame on you, Eddie, shame all over you. Don't you know you're the one plank in the platform of the national pastime that can't wear out?

Spring having officially begun in the States by presidential proclamation, we'll wager francs against centimes that Dame Nature sends 'em a few feet of snow by way of April Fool greeting.

Since Iowa University is to add canoeing to its athletic curriculum, drastic measures should be taken to protect the Freshman from inquiring as to his granddaddy years ago, of the fair co-ed, "I can row a boat—canoe?"

LINES TO MY SICK BUNKIE

O, you, who lie between real sheets,
With naught to vex or worry,
Those every little whisper meets
A pretty nurse's hurry.
I wonder, do you realize,
While lying prone and level,
That you appear in my wee eyes,
To be a lucky devil?

You speak of egg-nog, made for you
By pretty hands and tender,
And in it drops of "mountain dew"—
Ah, I, too, should surrender
To any sickness, great or small.
Could I, excuse the comma,
Be there within that spotless hall
And clad in your pajamas.

Yes, you're correct, she is a peach,
And so it's not surprising
That every time she's within reach
Your fever's ever rising.
And when she holds your freckled wrist,
Your eye may wonder just her,
But there's no doubt, I must insist,
Your pulse is hiking faster.

I think I shall get sick today,
Perhaps the doc will send me
Out where the pretty nurses play—
I'll ask for yours to tend me.
For yours, who brings egg-nog and
"Vin",
Whose name is May or Minnie,
Who cushions hearts and test tubes in
Your ward at Rue Pucini.

M.P. NINE BEATS Q.M.C.

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Base and insidious reports to the effect that the Q.M. boys intend to get even by holding up the M.P.'s issue of cottons and summer lights until next November, have been deemed to be enemy canards and absolutely without foundation. The Q.M. gang wants to get even, but not that way. They want another game.

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MIKE DONOVAN DEAD, DEAN OF U.S. BOXERS

Famous Pugilist Carried
Gun in Civil War Before
Entering Ring

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
NEW YORK, March 28.—Mike Donovan, famous old time pugilist, and long an instructor of boxing at the New York Athletic Club, died at the St. Francis hospital here this week of pneumonia. He was 72 years old. Donovan was regarded as the dean of American boxers and no one, it is conceded, did more to elevate and popularize the sport. He was middleweight champion when John L. Sullivan was a raw youngster. He fought, to a draw, the longest glove fight on record with Billy McClellan at San Francisco.

Even before entering the boxing game Donovan was a fighter. He carried a musket in the Civil War under both Grant and Sherman.

The venerable boxer was boxing instructor to Theodore Roosevelt when the latter was President. Danies, Cunningham and Mitchell were the last to sign up. President Norton, of the St. Paul club, has received word that two more of his players, Catcher Glenn and Outfielder Duncan, have been placed in Class I of the draft and both may be lost to the club.

Catcher Krueger has signed his contract with the Brooklyn club.

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